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On March 2nd, the BDCP Coordination meeting is going to discuss the Purpose and Need - Status and Substance. On March 9th, the DHCCP BECT Meeting is going to discuss Preliminary Conceptual Initial Draft Alternatives Development Screening Criteria

To march to the beat of these drums you'll need to go on without me. I won't be available to attend the BECT meeting and my next available day to meet with the Federal agencies looks like am of the 17th and anytime on the 30th of March (with a slim possibility of the 11th or 12th of March)
<<BDCP_Draft_Purpose_Statement_Mike.doc>> . I've attached my recommendation to the purpose statement as clearly stated by our regulations for Section 404(b)(1) compliance. As the USACE point of contact for NEPA and Section 404(b)(1) compliance, I look forward to reviewing and commenting on what the Federal Lead Agencies determine to be the purpose statement for NEPA and Section 404(b)(1) compliance.

DWR and USBR has seen it before. I have not personally received any feedback, but I have been told third hand through my boss that USBR (Frederico Barajas and Rebecca Victorine) expressed concern to USACE Southwest Division Head Quarters that they felt the attached purpose statement would create too many alternatives, and DWR (Marc Ebbin) expressed concern to David Nawi and USACE Southwest Division Head Quarters that the need statement should be for full contract amount (a concern he evidentially derived from a side conversation with Tom Hagler of EPA).

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